

PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ROBERT V.
FLEMING AS A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF
REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

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Mr. PELL, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res. 324]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 324) providing for the reappointment of Robert V. Fleming as a Citizen Regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the joint resolution do pass.

House Joint Resolution 324 would provide that the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class other than Members of Congress, occasioned by the expiration of the term of Robert V. Fleming, of Washington, District of Columbia, on July 23, 1965, be filled by the reappointment of Mr. Fleming for the statutory term of 6 years.

The Board of Regents, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 42, is composed of the Vice President, the Chief Justice of the United States, three Members of the Senate, three Members of the House of Representatives, and six other persons other than Members of Congress. The six citizen Regents, two of whom shall be residents of the District of Columbia and four of whom shall be inhabitants of some State (but no two of the same State), are appointed by joint resolution of Congress and serve 6-year terms.

Mr. Fleming's long service as a Citizen Regent is appraised by Dr. S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, as follows:

Robert V. Fleming is one of America's distinguished bankers and philanthropic leaders. He has given most generously of his time in performing his duties as a Regent of the Smithsonian Institution. First appointed to the Board on July 26, 1947, Mr. Fleming was reappointed in

1953 and 1959. He is at present Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents. Mr. Fleming's services to the Smithsonian Institution have been outstandingly valuable because of the wisdom that he brings to the Institution in connection with the management of its invested funds.

Mr. Fleming's biography, excerpted from "Who's Who in America" (vol. 33, 1964-65, p. 658) is as follows:

Fleming, Robert Vedder, banker; b. Washington, D.C., Nov. 3, 1890; s. Robert Isaac and Bell (Vedder) F.; ed. George Washington Univ., hon. LL.D., 1939; m. Alice Listen Wright, Nov. 27, 1912; children—Alice Marie (Mrs. William S. Renchard), Robert Wright. Began with Riggs National Bank, Washington, 1907, asst. cashier, 1916-20, cashier and sec. of bd., 1920-21, v.p. and cashier, 1921-24, 1st v.p., 1924-25, pres., 1925-35, pres., chmn. bd., 1935-55, chmn. bd., chief executive officer, 1955—; director of Julius Garfinckel & Company, Southern Railway Company, Chesapeake & Potomac Tel. Co., Hotel Waldorf Astoria Corp., Pan American Airways, Inc., Met. Life Ins. Co. of N.Y., Potomac Elec. Power Company, Cincinnati, New Orleans & Tex. Pacific Railway. Member of federal advisory council to Bd. Govs. Fed. Reserve System, 5th Fed. Reserve Dist., 1942-45, 47-57, 2d v.p. council, 1948-49, v.p., 1950-55, president, 1956-57; hon. mem. bus. council Dept. Commerce. Mem. com. econ. development D.C. Treas. Nat. Republican Congl. Com., 1926—. Life trustee, chmn, finance com., Corcoran Gallery Art; chmn. bd. George Washington Univ., 1937-59, now chmn. emeritus, mem. bd. regents, chmn. exec. com., Smithsonian Instn.; chmn. bd. trustees Endowment Fund, A.R.C.; bd. trustees, mem. finance com. Retirement System, Am. Nat. Red Cross; trustee Automotive Safety Found.; trustee, treas. Robert A. Taft Meml. Fund, Inc. Chmn. Pres.'s Adv. Commn. on Presdl. Office Space, chmn. D.C. Inaugural Com., 1957. Com. White House Conf. on edn.; chmn., dir. D.C. Com. for Eisenhower Presdl. Library; mem. Nat. Capital Sesquicentennial Commn.; mem. Auditorium Com. (apptd. Pres.). Recipient several awards for service to Washington, latest being: Certificate of Merit. Commrs. of D.C., 1953; Washington Bd. of Trade Man of Yr., 1956; Central Bus. Assn. citation, 1960. Commander USNR, retired. Mem. American Bankers Assn. (president 1928-29, adv. Com., past chmn. com. govt. borrowing), Assn. Res. City Bankers (past pres.), Nat. Geog. Soc. (life trustee, v.p., treas.), Navy League of U.S. (nat. dir., mem. adv. council), Air Force Aid Soc. (chmn. finance com.), Am. Road Builders Assn. (dir. at large), Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of City of Washington, Omicron Delta Kappa, Kappa Alpha. Episcopalian. Mason. Clubs: Metropolitan, National Press, Alfalfa (pres. 1949); Burning Tree (pres. 1937-45), Chevy Chase, Rotary (hon.); The Brook (N.Y.C.). Home: 2200 Wyoming Av. Office: Riggs National Bank, Washington.